

R. A. WAINWRIGHT.

JANUARY 16, 1857.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAPP, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Captain R. A. Wainwright, respectfully report:

It appears, from the evidence, that the memorialist was in command of the United States arsenal at Watertown, Massachusetts; that on the first day of October, 1855, the petitioner drew from the sub-treasury at Boston, for the use of the arsenal, the sum of \$1,765, which he placed in a carpet-bag, and put under the seat of the covered wagon in use at the arsenal; that being obliged to make a number of visits at different places in Boston, transacting the business appertaining to his duties, he was obliged to leave the money in the wagon, but called the special attention of the driver (one of his own) to the bag containing it, to insure its safety. Captain Wainwright and S. A. Wainwright, who was in company with him, left Burke in charge, directing him to attend to some duties, and to meet him at the Winthrop House. He (the driver Burke) performed his duties, and met Captain Wainwright, according to direction, at the Winthrop House, but when he got there the money was missing and gone. How, and by what means it was lost, neither the driver nor the petitioner could account.

It appears that the driver had been many years employed by the predecessor of Captain Wainwright in many important and trusty duties, and bore the reputation of an honest and worthy man, and had been often intrusted to draw money from the sub-treasury in considerable sums, as well as deposit checks.

It appears by the deposition of the driver, Burke, he never left the wagon but once, and this was for about three minutes, when he went into an apothecary's shop for some medicine for the use of the arsenal, and by direction of Captain Wainwright.

The committee are of opinion that due diligence was not observed in this case by Captain Wainwright. They, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial.

